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SUBJECT: GAO EVALUATION OF STATUS OF US MILITARY FORCES IN
GREECE

REFS: A. USNATO 4850; B. USNATO 4855; C. ATHENS 6599

1. IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1974 RECEIVED
FROM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, GAO TO SECRETARIES OF STATE AND
DEFENSE:

QTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
PLANS TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN
GREECE (CODE 46312). THIS SURVEY WILL BE UNDER THE
GENERAL DIRECTION OF MR. ROBERTSON E. SULLINS, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, AND WILL BE SUPERVISED IN WASHINGTON BY MR.
JAMES D. ABTS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON
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U.S. ACTIVITIES IN GREECE IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF GREECE'S

DECISION TO LEAVE THE MILITARY STRUCTURE OF NATO, AND THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. ACCORDINGLY WE PLAN TO OBTAIN DATA ON (1) THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN GREECE, (2) MILITARY ACTIVITIES LOCATED THERE, (3) U.S. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION IN GREECE AS IT RELATES TO THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND GREECE'S DEPARTURE FROM NATO, AND (4) ALTERNATIVES REGARDING PRESENT U.S.

HOME-PORTING FACILITIES IN GREECE.

MOST OF THE WORK IN THIS ASSIGNMENT, WHICH WE PLAN TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 1974, WILL BE PERFORMED BY OUR EUROPEAN BRANCH AT THE U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND IN STUTTGART, GERMANY, THE U.S. MISSION TO NATO IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, AND AT SELECTED MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN GREECE AND CRETE. NOTIFICATION OF STAFF SECURITY CLEARANCES AND ARRIVAL DATES AT OVERSEAS LOCATIONS WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF OUR EUROPEAN BRANCH.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR OFFICE IN ARRANGING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO US THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS REVIEW. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE HAVE YOUR STAFF CONTACT MR. SULLINS OR MR. ABTS IN ROOM 4118, U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE BUILDING, TELEPHONE 386-5445. UNQTE.

2. AGREEMENT REACHED WITH GAO, MR. R. E. SULLINS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, GAO, THAT SURVEY DESCRIBED IN LETTER QUOTED ABOVE, AND LETTER TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD QUOTED IN REF A WILL FOR PRESENT BE LIMITED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH USNATO AND EUCOM PERSONNEL ONLY. ANY POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHERS AS ENVISAGED IN LETTERS ARE DEFERRED UNTIL LATER, AND THIS WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH DEPARTMENT AND DOD AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FUTURE. STATE DEPARTMENT CONTACT POINT IS MR. REHFELD, EUR/RPM.

3. MISSION RESPONSE TO GAO LETTER SHOULD BE BASED ON ABOVE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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